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as evidenced by a reduction in normal production for the county of at least 30 percent during two of the three crop years 1988, 1989, and 1990 by:

(i) A natural disaster designated by the Secretary of Agriculture;

(ii) A major disaster or emergency designated by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*);

- (4) Where the total quantity of the 1988 or 1989 crop of the commodity that the producers were able to harvest is less than the result of multiplying 65 percent of the farm payment yield established CCC for the crop by the sum of the acreage planted for the harvest and the acreage prevented from being planted (because of the disaster or emergency referred to in paragraph (c)(3) of this section) for the crop; and
- (5) Who have applied to the County Farm Service Agency Office which issued the advance deficiency payment, no later than May 31, 1991, for a determination of eligibility for the repayment provisions of this section.
- (d) CCC shall assess interest on delinquent debts for 1988 or 1989 overpayments as follows:
- (1) CCC shall establish a regional annual interest rate for each of 12 geographic regions, corresponding to the extent practicable, as determined by CCC, with the 12 geographic districts of the Farm Credit System.
- (2) Each regional annual interest rate shall not exceed the average of the interest rates charged by Farm Credit System institutions within the region to high-risk borrowers on 1-year operating loans, as determined by CCC based upon information provided to CCC by the Farm Credit System.
- (3) Interest shall accrue at the established regional annual interest rate for the region in which the debt arose, beginning November 28, 1990.
- (e) CCC shall not offset, in each of the crop years 1990, 1991, and 1992, more than ½ of the farm program payments otherwise due a producer, as a result of the producer's delinquency in repaying the overpayment.
- (f) CCC shall permit producers to repay the overpayment in three equal installments during each of the crop years 1990, 1991, and 1992, if the pro-

ducers document to CCC that they have entered into agreements to obtain multiperil crop insurance policies for the 1991 and 1992 crop years.

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## PART 1404—ASSIGNMENT OF PAYMENTS

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## 1404.1 General statement.

This part sets forth the manner in which a person may assign a cash payment which is made by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) or the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). Such payments may only be assigned in the manner set forth in this part.

## § 1404.2 Definitions.

- (a)(1) Assignee means any person, including any agency of the Federal Government, to whom an assignment of an FSA or CCC payment is made in accordance with this part.
- (2) Assignor means any person who is the recipient of a payment from FSA or CCC who assigns the payment to another person in accordance with this part.
- (3) Payment means a cash payment and excludes
- (i) Any payment made in accordance with part 1470 of this title;
- (i) Price support loan or purchase agreement proceeds; and
- (iii) Any payments made in accordance with parts 1487, 1488, 1491, 1492, and 1493 of this title.
- (b) The terms defined in parts 719, 1413, 1421 and 1427 shall also be applicable to this part.